

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2026 ✕ 10 am

Welcome to St. Bede's Episcopal Church

St. Bede's is a sacred place where God and the human pilgrimage meet. It is a welcoming community, characteristic of the God we serve as followers of Christ—welcoming and affirming people of every race, age, sexuality, culture, ethnicity, gender identity, education, economic circumstances, family configuration, and ability. We believe Jesus the Christ to be the incarnation of God's love—the God who is reconciling and offering hospitality to the whole world.

Holy Eucharist The Liturgy of the Word

Voluntary

Welcome

Opening Hymn We the Lord's people (*Decatur Place*)

Hymnal 51

Opening Acclamation

One Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

Many Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity (*All pray together*)

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Song of Praise *Gloria in excelsis* (Haywood)

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Glo - ry,

Glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, — Glo-ry,

Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name. —

1. Glo-ry to God — in the high-est, and peace to His peo - ple on earth. —

2. Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa-ther, we

wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Unison

3. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, Glo-ry,

Glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, Glo-ry,

Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name. 4. You

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us, 5. You are

seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. 6. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord,

Unison

7. You a - lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it, in the

glo-ry of the Fa - ther. Glo-ry, Glo-ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we

praise your Ho - ly name,— Glo-ry, Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we

Praise your Ho - ly name.

A - - - men.

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Collect of the Day

Common Worship: Additional Prayers (2004) alt.

One God be with you.
Many And also with you.
One Together, let us pray.

Faithful God, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lesson Philippians 4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

One Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Many Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 paraphrased as the Sequence Hymn

The King of love my shepherd is (*St. Columba*)

Hymnal 645

Gospel Matthew 22:1-14

One The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Many Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

One The Gospel of the Lord.

Many Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Rev'd Matt Babcock, *Vicar, Holy Comforter Episcopal Church*

A period of silence follows the sermon.

Nicene Creed (*said by all*)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Book of Common Prayer, Form VI (alt.)

The Deacon bids the prayers.

In peace we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Intercessor

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and those in need.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.
Let us welcome into this space our own prayers of celebration and hope ...
Let us welcome in prayers for healing and wholeness ...
Let us welcome in prayers for the Church and for the World ...
Let us welcome in prayers for those who have died and for those who mourn ...

The one presiding adds a concluding collect.

Confession & Absolution

The deacon bids the confession.

Let us confess our sins to God.

A period of silence is kept. All pray together.

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

One Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

One The peace of Christ be always with you.

Many And also with you.

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Hymn As we gather at your table (*Raquel*)

Wonder, Love, & Praise 763

1. As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we
 2. Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the
 3. Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er

lis - ten to your word, help us know, O God, your
 sac - ra - ment of life; send us forth to love and
 guests to share that feast where tri - um - phant Love will

pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be
 serve you, bring - ing peace where there is
 wel - come those who had been last and

stirred. Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we
 strife. Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for -
 least. There no more will en - vy blind us nor will

claim it as our own; teach us through this ho - ly
 give as you for - gave; may we still be - hold your
 pride our peace de - stroy, as we join with saints and

ban - quet how to make Love's vic - tory known.
 im - age in the world you died to save.
 an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

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The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 2, from *Enriching our Worship*

One God be with you.

Many And also with you.

One Lift up your hearts.

Many We lift them to the Lord.

One Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The one presiding continues

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus

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Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is the One who comes in the

name of the Lord, of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho -

san - na in the high - est.

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The one presiding continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: **"Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."**

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: **"Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."**

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with Blessed Mary of Galilee, Blessed Julian of Norwich, Blessed Bede of Jarrow, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

One And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All pray together

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The one presiding breaks the bread.

Fraction Anthem

1. Let us break bread together on our knees.
Let us break bread together on our knees.

2. Let us drink wine together on our knees.
Let us drink wine together on our knees.

Refrain:

When I fall on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

3. Let us praise God together on our knees.
Let us praise God together on our knees

The one presiding extends the following invitation to share in communion.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Hymn at Communion All who hunger gather gladly (*Holy Manna*) *Wonder, Love, and Praise* 761

1. All who hun - ger gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na
2. All who hun - ger, nev - er stran - gers, seek - er, be a
3. All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is
is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring.
wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.
liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.
Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for
Here, in joy we keep the feast. We that once were
Here, in peace, we have been fed. Blest are those who
days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
lost and scat - tered in com - mun - ion's love have stood.
from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.
Taste and see that God is good.
Taste and see that God is good.
Taste and see that God is good.

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Announcements

Post-Communion Prayer

All pray together

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

The one presiding pronounces God's blessing.

Closing Hymn Come, thou almighty King (*Moscow*)

Hymnal 365

Dismissal

One Our worship has concluded and now our service begins.
Let us go forth in the name of Christ

Many Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

St. Bede's Prayer List

In our St. Bede's community, prayer has recently been requested for:

Fred Murphy
Randy Roberson

Prayer has been requested on a more long-term basis for:

Susan Cáceres	Miriam Needham	Sarah Jane Ohl
Margie Klein	Claiborne Jones	Mary Rodriguez
David and Martha West	Michele Heller	Helen Abraham
Mary Porter	Lynn Williams	Cameron Maddox
Cheryl Murphy	Jim Handsfield	Aree Bancroft
Lewis Anderson	Barbie Olsen	Nancy Waring
Jim Murray	David Boyd	Frances Bowen
Dixie Snider	Debhani Hernandez	Ann Foote
Claude Oakley	Al and Regina Studwell	Sue Ellen Lampros

Prayer has also been requested for these in our wider community:

Carolyn and Mickey Head, <i>family of Mamie, Noel and Delia</i>	Joselina, <i>friend of Claudia Fedarko</i>
Molly Turner, <i>friend of Greg Cook</i>	The People of Cuba
Pern, <i>friend of George and Lois Shingler</i>	Susan Vail Casey, <i>sister of Tom Vail</i>
Kathleen Hudson and her family, <i>friends of Beth Cannon</i>	Susan Forte, <i>sister of Cheryl Murphy</i>
Clarence DeMars, <i>friend of Toni Graney</i>	Zoe Bushart, <i>granddaughter of Doris and Jim Bushart</i>
Margie Briscoe, <i>friend of Loretta Vail</i>	Aila Craig, <i>family of Helen Loeb</i>
Cindy Alexander, <i>friend of Loretta Vail</i>	James Smythe, <i>great nephew of Molly Graves</i>
Debbie and John Hunziker, <i>parents of Shane</i>	Larry Sullivan, <i>friend of Joan Greer</i>
Carlos, <i>friend of Claudia Fedarko</i>	
John Borden, <i>friend of Joan Greer</i>	Mary Robert, <i>sister of Martha Robert</i>
Kayt Hoch, <i>daughter-in-law of Martha and David West</i>	Wright Coleman, <i>son of Jennie Couture</i>
Reagan Koski, <i>friend of Beth Cannon</i>	Fay Key, <i>friend of the St. Bede's community</i>
Bill Edgar, <i>father of Beth Cannon</i>	Eleanor Pearlman, <i>granddaughter of Gwen Heaton</i>
Carol Guthrie, <i>sister of Ann Foote</i>	Anne Jones, <i>sister of Claiborne Jones</i>
Andy Matia, <i>friend of Ann Foote</i>	

We pray for those who have died:

Jim Ohl
June Bruce, *sister-in-law of Nancy Bruce*

We give thanks for those serving our country in the military:

Josh Bowers	Tyler Swoope
Jonathan	Alex Larrivey

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week:

10/12 Cate Fisk	10/14 Yesenia Rodriguez	
10/13 Fred Murphy	10/16 Barbara Tyler	10/17 Ann Foote
10/13 Savannah Spires	10/16 Brianne Willard	

Holding in prayer those attending the Happening Conference at Camp Mikell October 16 - 18:

Charlotte Conley	Maggie Vaughn
Lucy Vaughn	Judah Sali

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We invite and welcome *all* to worship, serve, and grow together
as we engage the story of the living Christ.

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